Costs Increased For Burial in Heber City

The Heber City Council last Thursday unanimously approved raising burial costs at the city cemetery.

They raised the cost of a grave from \$100 to \$125 for residents and from \$150 to \$300 for non-residents. It now costs \$150 to have a grave opened and closed for residents, up from \$125; non-residents must pay \$250, up from \$150. Opening and closing a grave on Saturdays and holidays has gone up from \$150 to \$250 for residents, and from \$175 to \$300 for non-residents. The changes were effective last Friday.

Councilman Harris Parcell, who oversees the cemetery operation, recommended the changes to the

council, saying the cemetery is "going in the red and we just as well stay out." He said it costs the city every time someone is buried, particularly on Saturdays when employees must be paid overtime.

"There are a lot of people who come here to bury their people because it's about \$1,000 cheaper than anywhere else, and it's a beautiful place for a burial," he said.

Even with the increases, Mayor Scott Wright said the city subsidizes the cemetery by expanding and improving it. That's why non-residents are charged more.

Wright said he had checked burial costs in other cities and found as many different prices as there were cities.

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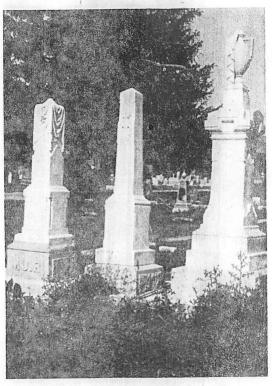
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